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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of retrieving information comprising:

pre-assigning concept labels to documents contained in a collection, assigning preassigning including parsing the documents automatically with a grammar;

receiving a query;

converting the query to a query concept; and

mapping the query concept to a concept label.

- 2. (Canceled).
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which the concept label represents a general notion.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which the query is a text query received from a user.
- 5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 in which <u>pre-assigning assigning</u> comprises: spidering the collection; matching features contained in each of the documents to a store of concepts; and
 - storing document location indicators for each matched concept.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 5 in which the documents are HyperText Markup Language (HTML) files.

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7. (Original) The method of claim 6 in which the document location indicators are Universal Resource Identifiers (URLs).

- 8. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which converting comprises applying a store of grammar rules to the query.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8 in which the grammar rules map text to concepts.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprises generating a list of the mapping.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 10 in which the list represents locations of documents.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 11 in which the locations are Universal Resource Identifiers (URLs).
- 13. (Currently amended) A method of document retrieval comprising:

<u>pre-assigning</u> assigning concept labels to documents contained in a collection according to grammar rules;

receiving a query;

converting the query to a query concept using the grammar rules; and mapping the query concept to a concept label.

- 14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13 in which <u>pre-assigning assigning</u> comprises parsing the documents automatically with the grammar rules.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 13 in which the query is received from a user.
- 16. (Original) The method of claim 15 further comprising:

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generating a list of the mapped query concepts; and displaying the list to the user on an input/output device.

17. (Currently amended) A computer program residing on a computer-readable medium comprising instructions for causing a processor to:

<u>pre-assign</u> assign concept labels to documents contained in a collection according to grammar rules;

receive a query; convert the query to a query concept; and map the query concept to a concept label.

18. (Original) The computer program of claim 17 further comprising instructions for causing the processor to:

generate a list of the map.

19. (Currently amended) A computer program residing on a computer-readable medium comprising instructions for causing a processor to:

<u>pre-assign</u> assign concept labels to documents contained in a collection according to grammar rules;

receive a query;

convert the query to a query concept using the grammar rules; and map the query concept to a concept label.

20. (Original) The computer program of claim 19 further comprising instructions for causing the processor to:

generate a list of the mapped query concepts; and display the list to a user on an input/output device.